

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application; please amend the claims as follows:

1-28. (Canceled)

29. (Currently Amended) A method for controlling the growth of fungi and house dust mites in a carpet comprising: ~~combining~~

at a rate of 10 to 500 mg a.i./m<sup>2</sup>, applying an aqueous solution to the carpet with,

wherein said aqueous solution comprises a combination of active ingredients, said combination of active ingredients comprising component (ia) a fungicidally effective amount of at least one fungicidal compound comprising at least one member from the group consisting of azoxystrobin, and fludioxonil or a mixture thereof, and component (ib) permethrin,

wherein a ratio of component (a) to component (b) is from 1:10 to 10:1, and

wherein said combination of active ingredients is present in a concentration of from about 100 to about 10,000 ppm of the aqueous solution.

30. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 29 wherein ~~the at least one fungicidal compound~~component (a) is ~~comprises~~ azoxystrobin.

31. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 29 wherein component (a) is ~~the at least one fungicidal compound~~ ~~comprises~~ azoxystrobin and fludioxonil.

32. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 29 wherein the rate at which the aqueous solution is applied ~~the at least one fungicidal compound and the permethrin are each applied to the carpet~~ is a rate of about 30 to 200 mg a.i./m<sup>2</sup> at a level of at least about 10 mg/m<sup>2</sup>.

33. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~30-29~~ wherein the rate at which the aqueous solution is applied ~~at least one fungicidal compound and the permethrin are each applied to the carpet at~~ is a level rate of at least about ~~30-100~~ 30-100 mg/m<sup>2</sup>.

34-35. (Cancelled)

36. (New) The method of claim 29, wherein the carpet comprises a pile and a backing and wherein at least 50% by weight of the combination of active ingredients remains in the carpet after said applying in an area comprising a bottom half portion of the pile to below the backing.